

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A bar code reader initiated method in which a mobile computer with a bar code reader having an internally stored user identification, reads a bar code symbol, processes the data from the bar code symbol and the user identification into a message, and automatically transmits the message over a wireless communication link connected to a network according to a registry server where certain events or transactions can be scheduled and tracked. The message is received at a registry server, on the network, where the symbol data and the user identification information is processed and stored. When the user contacts the server at a later date, the mobile computer is updated or synchronized with the new data at the registry server based upon the processing that has occurred since the last association, including reminders concerning scheduled events.